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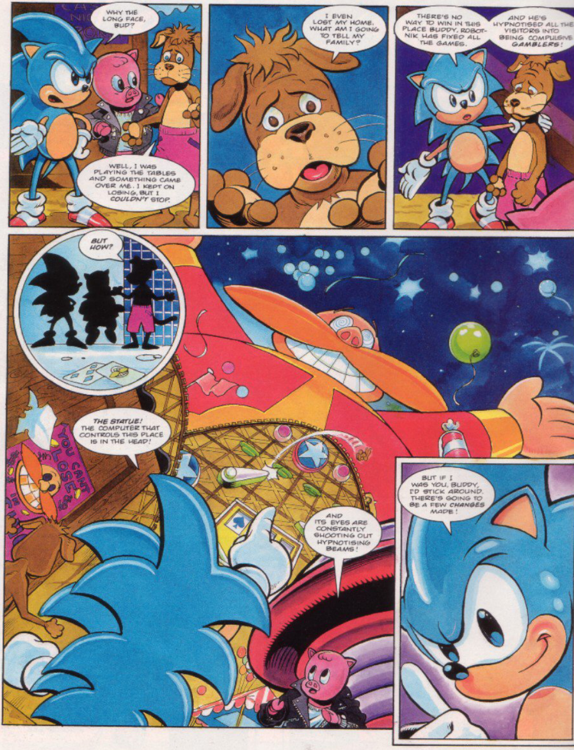
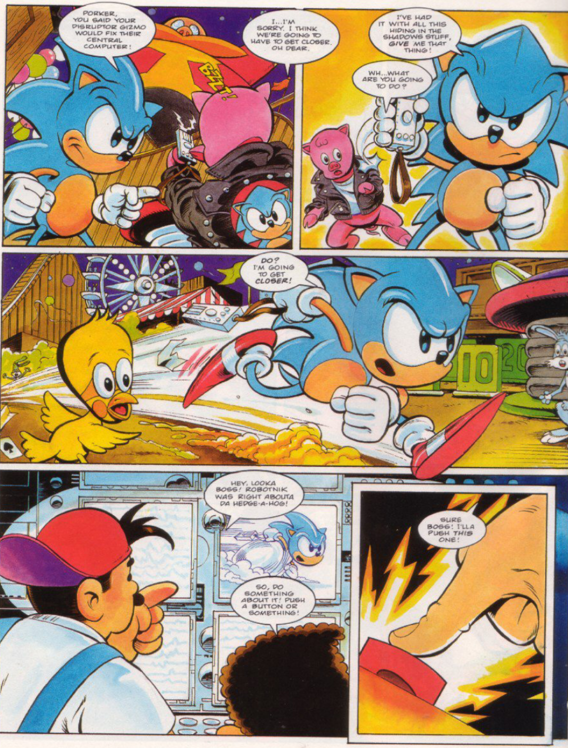
Sonic
THE HEDGEHOG
CASINO NIGHT PART 1
FEATURING THOSE AMAZING ELECTRICIANS THE MARXIO BRO'S...
GROUCHIO!
CHICIO!
HARPIO!
HOUSE OF FUN
EVERY ZONE ON PLANET MOBIUS SHOWS THE EVIL MARK OF ITS CONQUEROR, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.
CASINO NIGHT ZONE, MORE THAN MOST...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. EVERYTHING. I'VE LOST EVERYTHING...
HEY, BUDDY, OVER HERE...
SONIC, ARE YOU CRAZY? IF ANYONE SHOULD SEE YOU...


WHY THE LONG FACE, BUD?
WELL, I WAS PLAYING THE TABLES AND SOMETHING CAME OVER ME. I KEPT ON LOSING, BUT I COULDN'T STOP.
I EVEN LOST MY HOME. WHAT AM I GOING TO TELL MY FAMILY?
THERE'S NO WAY TO WIN IN THIS PLACE BUDDY. ROBOTNIK HAS FIXED ALL THE GAMES.
AND HE'S HYPNOTISED ALL THE VISITORS INTO BEING COMPULSIVE GAMBLERS!
BUT HOW?
THE STATUE! THE COMPUTER THAT CONTROLS THIS PLACE IS IN THE HEAD!
AND ITS EYES ARE CONSTANTLY SHOOTING OUT HYPNOTISING BEAMS!
YOU CAN'T LOSE
BUT IF I WAS YOU, BUDDY, I'D STICK AROUND. THERE'S GOING TO BE A FEW CHANGES MADE!

OF COURSE I UNDERSTAND...
...I MEAN, DO WE LOOK LIKE IDIOTS?
YOU DON'T REALLY WANT ME TO ANSWER THAT, DO YOU?
MY SPY TELLS ME THAT SONIC IS PLANNING A RAID ON THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE.
THIS ZONE RAISES A LOT OF MONEY, AND IF I LOST IT, I'D BE EGGSTREMLY UNHAPPY!
SO MAKE SURE THAT THE BLUE SPIKEBALL FAILS, OR IT'S BACK TO MARIO WORLD FOR ALL THREE OF YOU!
MAMMA MIA! ANYTHING BUT-A THAT!
NOBODY COULD BE THAT CRUEL!
PARP! PARP!


PORKER, YOU SAID YOUR DISRUPTOR GIZMO WOULD FIX THEIR CENTRAL COMPUTER!
BZZT!
I...I'M SORRY. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET CLOSER. OH DEAR.
I'VE HAD IT WITH ALL THIS HIDING IN THE SHADOWS STUFF, GIVE ME THAT THING!
WH...WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
DO? I'M GOING TO GET CLOSER!
HEY, LOOKA BOSS! ROBOTNIK WAS RIGHT ABOUTA DA HEDGE-A-HOG!
SO, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! PUSH A BUTTON OR SOMETHING!
SURE BOSS! I'LLA PUSH THIS ONE!

UH OH, I MAY HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BIT HASTY THIS TIME!
THERE HE IS! OPEN FIRE!
I REALLY DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THIS!
BLAMM!
BLAMM!
K-BLAMM!
KRANG!
ONE OF THESE JOKERS IS BOUND TO GET A LUCKY SHOT SOON, THEN GOODBYE TO EVERY-ONE'S FAVOURITE BLUE HEDGEHOG...
BDPANG!
BDOPP!
PTTOW!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, SONIC!
HUH? WHY DO THEY WANT ME TO STAY HERE? UNLESS I'M WALKING INTO...
...A TRAP!

I DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE THIS...
YOW!
DING!
WHOA!
OUCH!
BONG!
YAA!
DINK!

I..I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS!
HEY! WHAT DO YOU KNOW! I MADE IT!
OH, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT... I MEAN, IS THIS A PIG-IN-A-POKE OR WHAT?
PARP
YOUR TROUBLES ARE JUST-A STARTING HEDGE-A-HOG!
MOMENTS LATER...
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS STAY OUT OF SIGHT, LEWIS!
S-SORRY.
S-SONIC, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
RRUMBHH!
I'M WORKING ON IT!
NEXT: AGAINST THE ODDS!

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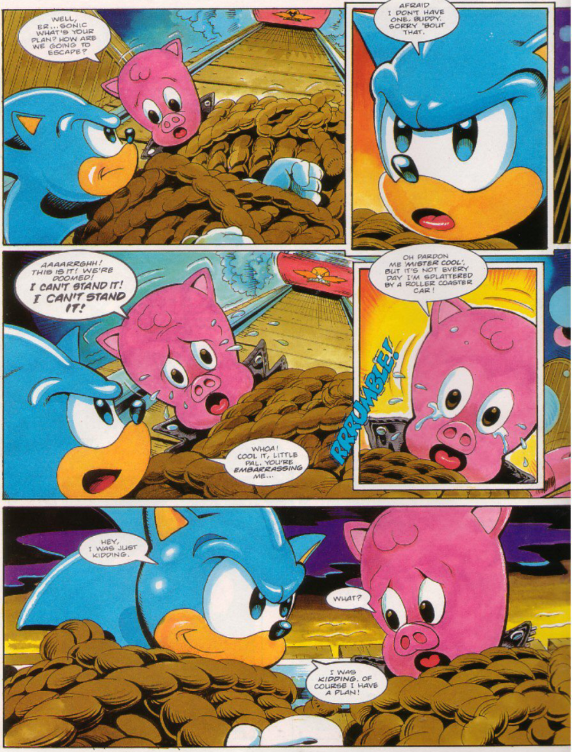
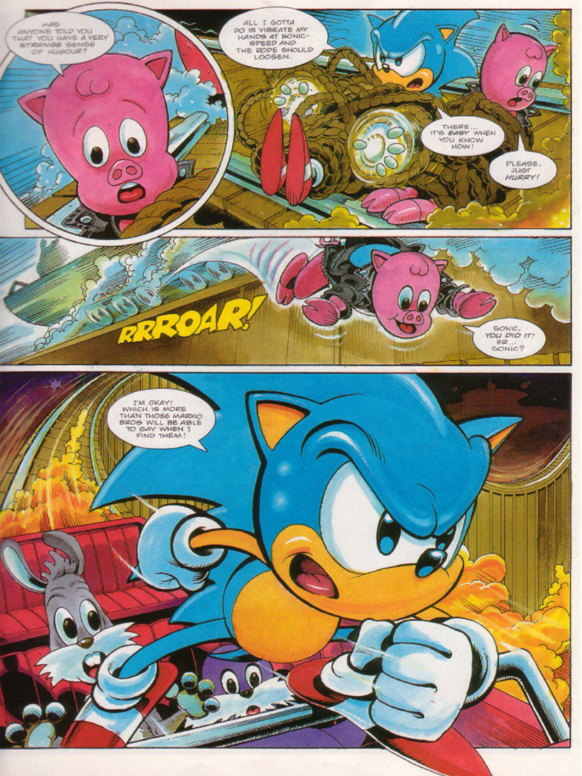
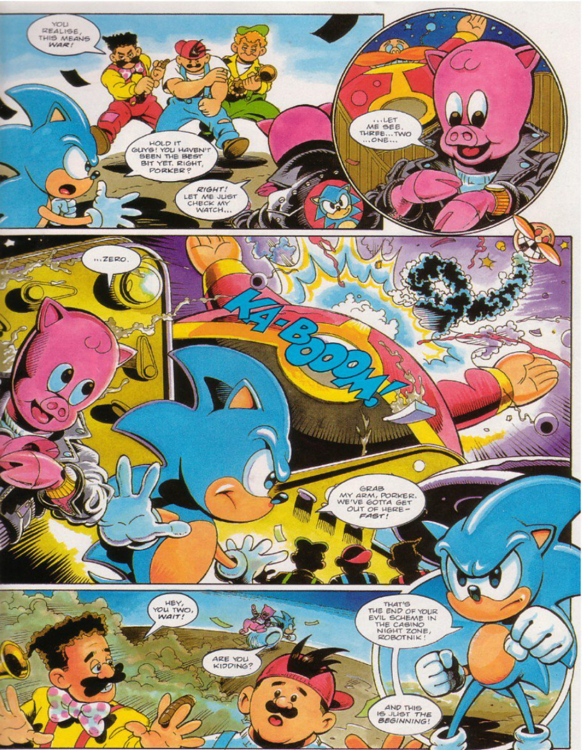

WELL, ER...SONIC WHAT'S YOUR PLAN? HOW ARE WE GOING TO ESCAPE?
AFRAID I DON'T HAVE ONE, BUDDY. SORRY 'BOUT THAT.
AAAARRGHH! THIS IS IT! WE'RE DOOMED! I CAN'T STAND IT! I CAN'T STAND IT!
WHOA! COOL IT, LITTLE PAL. YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME...
OH PARDON ME 'MISTER COOL', BUT IT'S NOT EVERY DAY I'M SPLATTERED BY A ROLLER COASTER CAR!
RRRUMBLE!
HEY, I WAS JUST KIDDING.
WHAT?
I WAS KIDDING. OF COURSE I HAVE A PLAN!


HAS ANYONE TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAVE A VERY STRANGE SENSE OF HUMOUR?
ALL I GOTTA DO IS VIBRATE MY HANDS AT SONIC-SPEED AND THE ROPE SHOULD LOOSEN.
THERE... IT'S EASY WHEN YOU KNOW HOW!
PLEASE, JUST HURRY!
RRROAR!
SONIC, YOU DID IT! ER... SONIC?
I'M OKAY! WHICH IS MORE THAN THOSE MARXIO BROS WILL BE ABLE TO SAY WHEN I FIND THEM!

THIS IDEA OF YOURS WAS *REALLY* DUMB, CHICIO!
OH, SO IT'S-*A MY* IDEA AGAIN, IS IT?
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME, YOU CLOWNS!
CAN'T BLAME US FOR TRYING, SPIKEY!
THE MARXIOS KNOW THIS ZONE LIKE THE BACK OF THEIR HANDS. I MUST BE CRAZY FOLLOWING THEM THIS WAY.
ALTHOUGH, I *DO* HAVE MY *REPUTATION* TO THINK OF!
I KNEW IT! I'M BACK IN THE HEART OF THE *CASINO NIGHT ZONE*!
I BARELY MADE IT OUT ALIVE LAST TIME I WAS HERE!*
*SEE LAST ISSUE-MEGADROID.
IS *THIS* WHAT YOU'RE AFTER?
WE DON'T-A KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT IT SEEMED PRETTY IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOUR BUDDY!

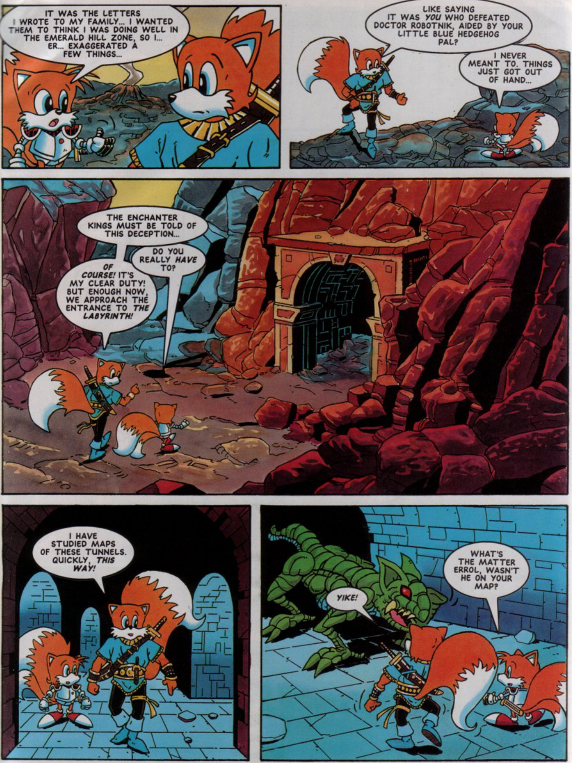
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT IS, MOUSTACHE-CHOPS!
DI-ONG!
IT'S A *DISRUPTOR*. DESIGNED TO RE-PROGRAM YOUR MASTER COMPUTER, SO THAT YOUR GAMING MACHINES WILL PAY OUT.
HEY, I'VE-A GOT THOSE MACHINES PROGRAMMED SO THEY'LL-A *NEVER* PAY OUT!
NOT ONCE I GET HOLD OF THE DISRUPTOR!
THINK AGAIN KID!
OOPS, HOW CARELESS OF ME!
ZZ-KRAKK!

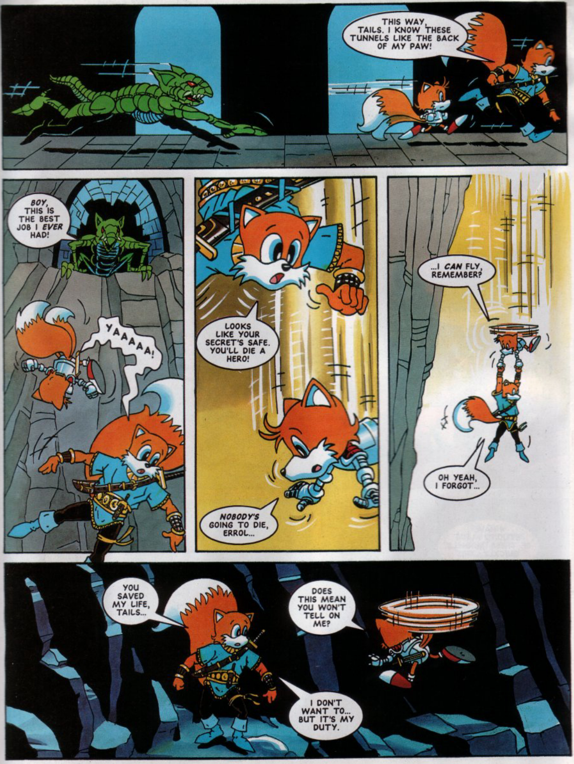
HEY, THAT'S COOL, I DON'T NEED IT NOW!
WHAT?
I WAS ONLY PLAYING FOR TIME!
WHAT-A YOU TALKING ABOUT, SPIKE-A-BALL?
WELL, IF PORKER LEWIS CAN DESIGN THE DISRUPTOR, HE'S CERTAINLY CAPABLE OF RE-PROGRAMMING YOUR MAIN COMPUTER MANUALLY.
JACKPOT!
I WON!
AND WHILE I'VE BEEN KEEPING YOU BUSY, THAT'S JUST WHAT HE'S BEEN DOING!
ALL THIS MONEY! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HI SONIC, HOW DID I DO?
I ADMIT IT BUDDY, I'M IMPRESSED!

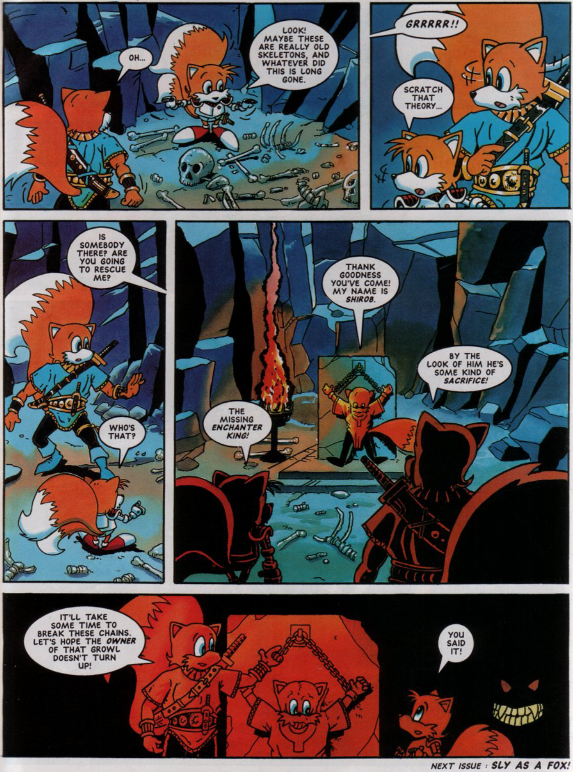


NEXT ISSUE: SUPERSONIC RETURNS!

THE QUEST TO RESCUE THE MISSING ENCHANTER KING FROM THE LAND BEYOND IS OFF TO A SHAKY START.
TAILS, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE CHAMPION OF THE NAMELESS ZONE. NOW PROVE IT!
K-CHANG!
The Land Beyond Part 2
Tails
SURE ERROL, I'M JUST WAITING FOR THE ER... RIGHT MOMENT!
TAKE YOUR TIME... 'HERO'.
LOOK I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN ABOUT THIS 'HERO' THING. THERE'S BEEN A MISTAKE...
COME DOWN AND FIGHT, COWARD!
RUN AWAY!
THEY'RE TOO TOUGH FOR US!
SO, TELL ME ABOUT THIS 'MISTAKE'...
OH DEAR, I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE CROSS!

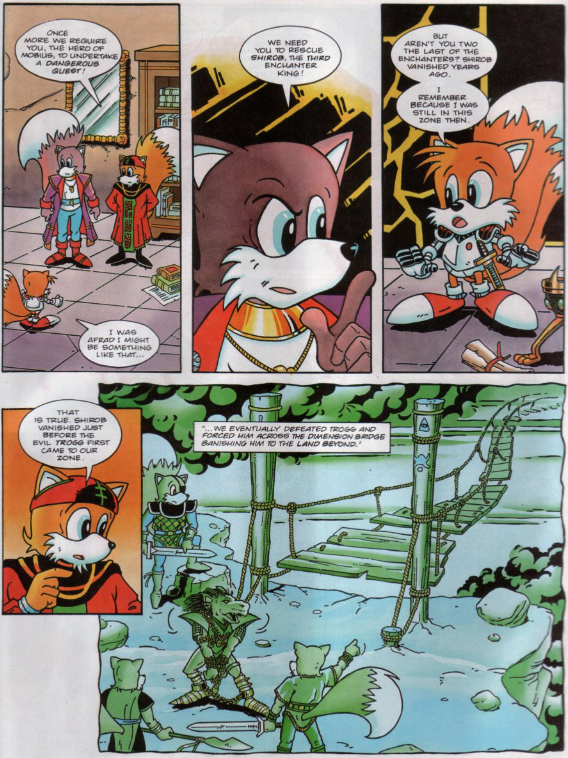

IT WAS THE LETTERS I WROTE TO MY FAMILY... I WANTED THEM TO THINK I WAS DOING WELL IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE, SO I... ER... EXAGGERATED A FEW THINGS...
LIKE SAYING IT WAS *YOU* WHO DEFEATED DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, AIDED BY YOUR LITTLE BLUE HEDGEHOG PAL?
I NEVER MEANT TO. THINGS JUST GOT OUT OF HAND...
THE ENCHANTER KINGS MUST BE TOLD OF THIS DECEPTION...
DO YOU REALLY *HAVE* TO?
OF COURSE! IT'S MY CLEAR DUTY! BUT ENOUGH NOW, WE APPROACH THE ENTRANCE TO *THE LABYRINTH!*
I HAVE STUDIED MAPS OF THESE TUNNELS. QUICKLY, *THIS WAY!*
YIKE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER ERROL, WASN'T HE ON YOUR MAP?


THIS WAY, TAILS. I KNOW THESE TUNNELS LIKE THE BACK OF MY PAW!
BOY, THIS IS THE BEST JOB I EVER HAD!
YAAAAA!
LOOKS LIKE YOUR SECRET'S SAFE. YOU'LL DIE A HERO!
NOBODY'S GOING TO DIE, ERROL...
...I CAN FLY, REMEMBER?
OH YEAH, I FORGOT...
YOU SAVED MY LIFE, TAILS...
DOES THIS MEAN YOU WON'T TELL ON ME?
I DON'T WANT TO... BUT IT'S MY DUTY.

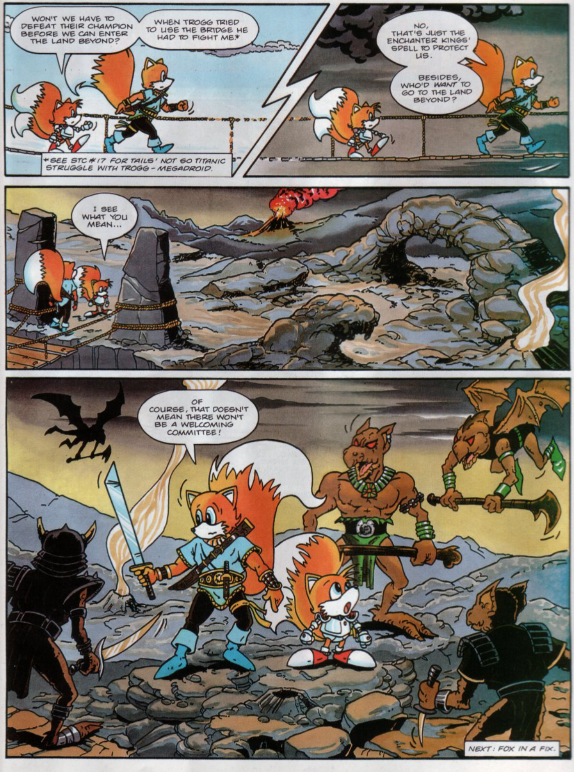


NEXT ISSUE : SLY AS A FOX!

The Land Beyond Part 1
Tails
THE NAMELESS ZONE, THE MYSTERIOUS HIDDEN REGION THAT MOST OF PLANET MOBIUS BELIEVES ONLY EXISTS IN LEGEND.
ONCE AGAIN WE ARE REQUIRED TO OPEN THE PORTAL INTO THE EMERALD HILL ZONE.
WE MUST SUMMON OUR CHAMPION!
MILES PROWER, THE ENCHANTER KINGS HAVE NEED OF YOU!
≡ GULP! ≡
SEE, MILES PROWER, HOW YOUR ENCHANTED ARMOUR FORMS AROUND YOU AS YOU ENTER OUR ZONE!
ER...OH YES, SO IT HAS...
I REALLY WISH YOU WOULD CALL ME TAILS...


ONCE MORE WE REQUIRE YOU, THE HERO OF MOBIUS, TO UNDERTAKE A DANGEROUS QUEST!
I WAS AFRAD I MIGHT BE SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
WE NEED YOU TO RESCUE SHIROB, THE THIRD ENCHANTER KING!
BUT AREN'T YOU TWO THE LAST OF THE ENCHANTERS? SHIROB VANISHED YEARS AGO.
I REMEMBER BECAUSE I WAS STILL IN THIS ZONE THEN.
THAT IS TRUE. SHIROB VANISHED JUST BEFORE THE EVIL TROGG FIRST CAME TO OUR ZONE.
"...WE EVENTUALLY DEFEATED TROGG AND FORCED HIM ACROSS THE DIMENSION BRIDGE BANISHING HIM TO THE LAND BEYOND."

THERE HE REMAINS, PLOTTING HIS REVENGE! BUT SHIROB WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN. WE THOUGHT HE HAD BEEN MURDERED BY THE EVIL CREATURE!
BUT NOW YOU'VE HEARD NEWS OF HIM, HOW?
HIS FACE APPEARED IN THE MAGIC CRYSTAL OF COMMUNICATION, VERY FAINT BUT THE MESSAGE WAS CLEAR.
TROGG DID NOT KILL HIM BUT TOOK HIM PRISONER SOMEHOW ...HAS HELD HIM CAPTIVE ALL THESE YEARS IN THE LAND BEYOND.
AND I SUPPOSE YOU WANT ME TO RESCUE HIM. oh boy.
WE KNEW WE COULD COUNT ON YOU!
YOU WILL HAVE A COMPANION ON YOUR JOURNEY. OUR BRAVEST FOX WARRIOR WHO HAS STUDIED ALL KNOWN TEXTS OF THE LAND BEYOND.
MEET ERROL BLACKTHORN!
SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS MILES PROWER, HERO OF MOBIUS, EH? SOMEHOW I THOUGHT YOU'D BE, WELL... BIGGER.
THIS SHOULD BE... INTERESTING.


WON'T WE HAVE TO DEFEAT THEIR CHAMPION BEFORE WE CAN ENTER THE LAND BEYOND?
WHEN TROGG TRIED TO USE THE BRIDGE HE HAD TO FIGHT ME.*
*SEE STC #17 FOR TAILS' NOT SO TITANIC STRUGGLE WITH TROGG - MEGADROID.
NO, THAT'S JUST THE ENCHANTER KINGS' SPELL TO PROTECT US.
BESIDES, WHO'D WANT TO GO TO THE LAND BEYOND?
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...
OF COURSE, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THERE WON'T BE A WELCOMING COMMITTEE!
NEXT: FOX IN A FIX.